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NEWS SUMMARY

A grand jury in Milwaukee, Wisconsin returned a 33-count indictment against two former presidents of Local 150 of the Service Employee's International Union (SEIU), which is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Service Employee's International Union represents individuals working in service industries, including nursing home and home care workers, custodians, security guards, stadium workers, bus drivers, public school employees and other public service workers.

The indictment charges Danny L. Iverson (d.o.b. 05/12/1955) and Deborah M. Timko (d.o.b. 02/26/1965) with carrying out a scheme to defraud Local 150. The indictment alleges that Iverson and Timko used their positions at Local 150 to authorize fraudulent payments from the union to themselves and others. According to the indictment, Iverson, who had been the President of the union since 1984, hired Timko in 1998. Iverson then appointed Timko to the Executive Board of Local 150 and, later, appointed her to be Vice President. When Iverson resigned from Local 150, Timko became the President of the union. The indictment alleges that, in exchange, Timko authorized payments to Iverson by Local 150 totaling \$50,000.00. The indictment also alleges that Iverson and Timko hired Timko's twin sister, who resided in Knoxville, Tennessee, to be the bookkeeper for the union.

The indictment also charges Iverson and Timko with converting union funds to their own use. Finally, the indictment charges Timko and Iverson with wilfully failing to maintain union records, as required by federal law.

Iverson is charged in eighteen of the counts of the indictment. If convicted on all counts, he faces a total maximum possible penalty of 82 years in prison and fines of up to \$4.2 million dollars. Timko is charged in twenty six counts of the indictment. If she is convicted on all counts, she will face a total, maximum possible penalty of 137 years in prison and \$6.2 million dollars in fines.

This matter was investigated by the Office of Labor Management Standards of the United States Department of Labor. The case been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew L. Jacobs for prosecution.

The public is cautioned that an indictment is merely the formal method of returning charges against an individual and does not, in and of itself constitute proof of any crime. A person is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, as the government produces evidence to establish guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Danny L. Iverson is represented in this matter by Attorney Dennis Coffey, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Debra Timko is represented by Attorney Stephen Glynn.

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